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Take Part, Give from the Heart!

On Oct. 22, Mayor Larry Giammo and members of the City Council kicked off Rockville's annual Holiday Drive. This year's event recognized the efforts of student representatives from our 21 City schools who have begun collecting food for needy Rockville families. Staff also unveiled a new magnetic sign publicizing the Holiday Drive that was placed on City vehicles.

"The Holiday Drive is one of our premier events," said Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks. "It represents the commitment of citizens and staff to improve the quality of life of fellow citizens who are less fortunate. The program provides the opportunity to take the words 'helping our fellow man' and turn them into action."

Last November, the Holiday Drive and its partners provided Thanksgiving food baskets and

dinners to 622 Rockville households and distributed new toys and gift cards to 537 households in December. Manna Food Center, North Farm Community Basket Brigade, St. Elizabeth's Church and Rockville Church of Christ served as partners for the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets. Several Rockville schools, including Robert Frost Middle School, Christ Episcopal School, Fallsmead Elementary School and St. Mary's School, conducted major food and toy drives. Robert Frost Middle School also donated the proceeds of their annual Turkey Trot totaling \$1,411.

More than 200 community volunteers assisted by packing and distributing Thanksgiving food boxes and toys. In addition, the Family Sponsorship Program matched 45 Rockville families with sponsors who



Help the Rockville community spread cheer to needy families with food and gift card donations this holiday season.

provided tailored food and gifts. These sponsors included Faith United Methodist Church and employees of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

"The continuing toy recalls are forcing us to revise our plans this year," said Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Manager. "Instead of organizing a toy distribution, we hope to raise enough in monetary donations to provide each child under 18 who is referred to us with a \$15 gift card in December. This is a major

change in the way we have involved the community, but we hope donors will appreciate the need to make this change and support us to the greatest extent they can."

There are many different ways that individuals, businesses, civic associations and members of the faith community can contribute to the Holiday Drive this year. Some options to consider:

- Donate canned food for a Thanksgiving dinner
- Donate money in the form of



Comprehensive Revision to City Zoning Ordinance In Progress. See page 4.

a check made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and send to 20 Courthouse Square, Suite #205, Rockville, Md 20850

- Donate \$15 gift cards from clothing, discount and grocery stores and send to 20 Courthouse Square, Suite #205, Rockville, Md 20850
- Donate your time: volunteers will be needed to help pack and deliver food baskets in November

For more information or to offer help, call 240-314-8310. **RR**

61st City Election to be Held Nov. 6

Rockville will have a new Mayor following the 61st City Election on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Three candidates will vie for the mayoral seat, while 11 candidates will compete for the four council seats.

Outgoing Mayor Larry Giammo chose not to run in 2007, after serving the City for three consecutive terms. Running for Mayor are current Council-member Susan Hoffmann (currently serving her third term on the Rockville City Council), Mark Pierzchala and Drew Powell.

Three incumbents are seeking re-election to the City Council. Bob Dorsey is seeking his eighth term, Phyllis Marcuccio her second term and Anne Robbins her fifth term. The eight additional candidates are Theo Anderson, John Britton,

Piotr (Peter) Gajewski, Richard Gottfried, Carl Henn, Brigitta Mullican, Tracy Pakulniewicz-Chidiac and Eric Kuohwa Wang.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. on Nov. 6, and will close at 8 p.m. Transportation assistance to the polls for senior citizens will be provided. For more information, contact the Senior Services Office at 240-314-5019. Eligible voters who have not registered to vote can do so on Election Day at Rockville City Hall. Those registrants also may vote at City Hall by absentee ballot.

Election results will be tabulated soon after the polls close. The most immediate source of results continues to be The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

The terms of all elected officials will be two years. Winning candidates will take their oaths of office on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

For complete Election 2007 information, see the Voters' Guide insert to this edition of *Rockville Reports*. **RR**

61.a Elección de la Ciudad a celebrarse el 6 de nov.

Rockville tendrá un nuevo Alcalde después de la 61.a Elección de la Ciudad el martes 6 de noviembre. Tres candidatos rivalizarán para el codiciado puesto de Alcalde y 11 candidatos competirán para los cuatro igualmente competitivos asientos del Consejo.

El Alcalde saliente Larry Giammo ha decidido no presentarse en 2007, después de servir a la Ciudad durante tres términos consecutivos. Compiten por el puesto de Alcalde Susan Hoffmann (miembro del Consejo de la Ciudad de Rockville sirviendo actualmente su tercer término),

Marck Pierzchala y Drew Powell.

Tres titulares del Consejo de la Ciudad están su reelección, incluido Bob Dorsey (en busca de su octavo término), Phyllis Marcuccio (en busca de su segundo término) y Anne Robbins (en busca de su quinto término). Los otros ocho desafiantes son Theo Anderson, John Britton, Piotr (Peter) Gajewski, Richard Gottfried, Carl Henn, Brigitta Mullican, Tracy Pakulniewicz-Chidiac y Eric Kuohwa Wang.

Una declaración completa e información de cada candidato puede consultarse en la página suelta de esta edición de la Guía para los Votantes.

Los comicios se abrirán a las 7 a.m. del 6 de noviembre y se cerrarán a las 8 p.m. Se proporcionará asistencia para el transporte de las personas de edad para presentarse en los comicios. Para mayor información, consultar con la Oficina de Servicios para Adultos Mayores llamando al 240-314-5019. Los votantes aptos que no se hay-

an inscripto para votar pueden hacerlo el día de la elección en el Ayuntamiento de Rockville. Estas personas inscriptas también pueden votar en Ayuntamiento por voleta de ausencia.

Los resultados de la elección se tabularán poco después del cierre de los comicios. La fuente más inmediata de resultados sigue siendo el Canal del Rockville (Canal de Cable 11) y el portal de Internet de la Ciudad en www.rockvillemd.gov.

El período en el cargo de todos funcionarios elegidos será de dos años. Los candidatos que ganen prestarán su juramento de Cargo el domingo 18 de noviembre a las 1 p.m. en el F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Para obtener información completa de la Elección de 2007, consulte la Guía para los Votantes que se agrega suelta en esta edición de los Informes de Rockville. **RR**

— translated by

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Singing for a Cause

Choral Event to Benefit Service Members on Veterans Day

The Rockville Men's Chorus and Rockville Singers, an outreach group of the Rockville Chorus, will present a musical tribute to all service members and veterans in honor of Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The tribute is free, but offerings will be accepted for the benefit of wounded war veterans from Iraq who are currently receiving care at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval hospitals.

The program, sponsored by the City of Rockville and Rockville Community



Ministries, will present music that reflects upon the experiences and the emotions prevalent during times of war. The event will take place at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater.

"This will be a perfect tribute for Veterans Day," said Julie Farrell, the City's Arts Programs Specialist.

The Rockville Men's Chorus was founded in 1970 and consists of more than a dozen members. Both musical groups performing at this benefit welcome anyone interested in joining them to participate. To learn more about the Rockville Men's Chorus and how to sing with the group for this event or others, visit www.rockvillemenchorus.org. To learn more about the Rockville Singers, E-mail Jean Provost, RockvilleSingersLiaison@jppjpj.verizon.net. **RR**

Plan for the Rockville Pike Corridor

The City of Rockville is launching an 18-month process of updating the Master Plan for the Rockville Pike Corridor, which was last revised in 1989. The purpose of the Plan is to define the future of this key corridor and the land that surrounds it. The planning process will have, at its core, a large-scale effort to gain input and involvement from the Rockville community, businesses and other interested stakeholders.

On June 18, 2007, the Mayor and Council approved a con-

tract with ACP-Visioning and Planning to lead the planning effort, under the direct supervision of Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development Services. Other members of the consulting team include Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, which brings transportation expertise; and Economics Research Associates, which is in charge of the economic analysis.

A kick-off meeting will be held in early December (date to be announced) to begin this process. The entire Rockville community will be invited to attend. Please stay tuned for a more detailed description of the project in the December issue of *Rockville Reports*. **RR**

Run the 'Oldest Continuing Road Race in Montgomery County'

The Rockville 10K/5K Run, will fill the hilly streets of Rockville's King Farm Community on Sunday, Nov. 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. Early registration is now open for the race that is once again expected to have a large field of runners.

Hosted by the Rockville Mayor and Council and Department of Recreation and Parks, the Run is conducted by the Montgomery County Roadrunners Club and presented by Regency Centers and King Farm Village Center.

The 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer races feature prizes for the top men and women finishers in

the open and age group divisions. All runners will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, chances to win prizes and access to the post-race brunch sponsored by the businesses at King Farm Village Center.

Register at RnJ Sports Discounters, located at 11910-R Parklawn Drive, on Nov. 3 for \$27. Same day, onsite registration is \$30. Proceeds from the race benefit the Rockville Recreation Fund.

Several roads in King Farm will be closed or affected starting at 8 a.m. the day of the race. All roads will be re-opened by 10:30 a.m.

Participants must arrive at the race site no later than 8 a.m. Races will begin at 8:30 a.m. Parking will be available at Two Irvington Center, 702 King Farm Boulevard, with shuttle buses taking participants to the race area. Pre-race stretching for runners will be led by the "Sergeant's Program."

For more information about the race, call 240-314-8620 or go to www.mccrc.com. **RR**

Mayor and Council Adopts Sustainability Strategy

On Oct. 1, the Rockville Mayor and Council took historic action when it unanimously adopted a Strategy for a Sustainable Rockville. The City is among the first in Maryland to adopt such a strategy. Being "sustainable" means the City continues to enjoy economic prosperity while not consuming more than its share of natural resources, at the same time protecting the planet's natural systems.

A combination of unprecedented population growth, economic expansion, upward urbanization trends, and ever-higher energy prices, particularly for fossil fuels, are stressing the earth's resources and society's economic ability to maintain the current standard of living. Cities that act with innovation, creativity, and foresight and successfully address these challenges will likely enjoy economic advantages over other communities, and lead the way for others to follow.

"Each day, Rockville staff, residents and businesses make thousands of small decisions that relate to the overall sustainability of the City," said Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo. "A sustainable Rockville requires a coordinated and strategic examination of current practices and procedures across the City. While Rockville has already taken significant steps toward realizing its sustainability goals, much more can be done and the City does not intend to

rest on its laurels."

In May 2006, the Mayor and Council committed to making Rockville a sustainability leader among Maryland communities. Since that time, the Mayor and Council and staff have been working to fulfill the ambitious vision for the City by 2020. Specifically, the vision calls for Rockville to be:

"[A] leader in environmentally sustainable development that protects and enhances our community's quality of life, and will continue to do so for future generations. Rockville residents, its local government, and the business community foster and apply sound environmental practices. High technology, energy conservation and recycling are employed appropriately at every opportunity."

To succeed, the City Council recognized that Rockville required a strategy or action plan to follow that ensures steady progress towards sustainability. The strategy adopted is a comprehensive, five-year (and beyond) plan. While the strategy primarily targets the City's own activities and actions, it is intended to also promote and encourage similar actions by individual businesses and residents.

The strategy also presents a set of purchasing criteria to help verify that the City only buys the goods and services it needs and that these goods and services are not consumed faster than necessary. Each incremental de-



As a result of all City facilities switching over to compact fluorescent bulbs the City is saving nearly \$62,000 a year in electricity costs. Compact fluorescents are up to 70% more efficient than incandescent bulbs and residents can adopt this practice too, thereby being a part of Rockville's Sustainable Strategy.

cision, from designing new or renovated buildings, to purchasing copy paper, to buying fuel for City vehicles should be viewed through a "sustainability lens" before resources are committed to a particular course of action.

In addition, the strategy also identifies land use decisions as a key element of making the overall community more sustainable and environmentally-sensitive. Moreover, the strategy points to various ways the City intends to measure its sustainability progress in the future. Finally, the Strategy announces a set of actions or commitments across all City Departments to be accomplished over the next 3-5 years.

Copies of the Strategy for a Sustainable Rockville can be obtained by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/sustainability or by calling 240-314-8870. **RR**

Free Wireless Internet Access Available In Rockville Town Square

Wireless Internet (WiFi) access in the Town Square development in Town Center is now available and working, making Rockville one of the first communities in the region to have free wireless access in its downtown area.

The free WiFi access is available to the public in the outdoor areas of Town Square, including the public plaza, and soon along the streets within Town Square.

Users can connect to the network by selecting the Ricochet WiFi network through their wireless device.

"This is a fantastic way to attract people to Town Square and to further bolster the health and growth of this exciting venture," said Mayor Larry Giammo. "As with the rest of the development, this exemplifies the tremendous potential of cooperative public-private partnerships. The business people, private sector employees, government employees, students, and others who visit Town Square will be able to use their laptops and other wireless devices while enjoying our plaza and other outdoor areas."

Under the set of agreements approved by the Mayor and



The new WiFi service in the public outdoor areas of Town Square has help to create an enjoyable space for multi-tasking.

Council, Advanced Engineering and Planning Corporation, Inc. (AEP/CO) is the provider of the WiFi service; the City does not own, maintain, or operate the WiFi network.

In return for awarding the contract to AEP/CO, the City receives free WiFi accounts for its mobile workforce. "As WiFi expands throughout the City, this service will save the City money while keeping our inspectors and other mobile workers in the field connected by allowing them to be able to communicate via computer with City Hall, as well as obtain and update information," said Michael Cannon, the

City's Director of Information and Technology.

AEP/CO will also provide the City with two outdoor cameras, one that will be located near the clock tower and the other on the Arts and Innovating Building to provide images of Town Square to the public via the Web.

AEP/CO's business model for the wireless Internet service allows for paid subscriptions for residents and businesses that want to have a higher bandwidth and a higher quality of service for indoor areas within Town Square.

AEP/CO plans to offer WiFi service beyond Town Square in the future. **RR**

In Brief

City Home Improvement Grants are Available

Low and moderate income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville's Home Improvement Program. Eligible improvements include upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems.

Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services.

CALL 240-314-8208 FOR INFO

Rockville Civic Ballet Presents The Nutcracker

Enjoy the holiday classic that has become a City tradition.

Renditions of the ballet will be held on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 9 from 2 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and on Sundays Dec. 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children (12 years old or under) and senior citizens (60 years old or older). Group rates are available.

Starting Nov. 7, assigned seat tickets can be purchased in person, by phone, or by mail order at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office.

CALL 240-314-8690 FOR INFO

National Aging in Place Event

The Rockville Senior Center will host a National Aging in Place event on Nov. 8 from 1-4 p.m. This program will offer solutions to help individuals make aging safe, comfortable and accessible.

The Rockville Senior Center is located at 1150 Carnation Dr. Seating is limited.

CALL 888-576-7947 FOR INFO

Rockville Concert Band 50th Anniversary Gala

Celebrate 50 years of excellence as the Rockville Concert Band will be performing *Stars, Stripes, & Sousa* on Nov. 18 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Beginning at 4 p.m. and under the direction of Dr. Vincent Patterson, the concert will highlight Keith Brion portraying John Philip Sousa, soprano Anne Seaton, violinist Peter Wilson, and the Trumpet Trio.

The show is free and tickets are not required.

CALL 240-314-8681 FOR INFO

Rockville Library to Dedicate Donor Wall in Special Ceremony

The Friends of the Library, Rockville Chapter, is celebrating the Dedication of its Donor Wall in the Rockville Public Library on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

The ceremony will be followed by light refreshments and a piano performance. The public is invited to attend.

CALL 240-777-0001 FOR INFO

Celebrate American Indian Heritage

The 10th Annual Rockville American Indian Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CALL 240-314-8633 FOR INFO

Teen Trips Available This Fall

Fun trips are being offered for teens this fall.

First is a trip to Adventure Park USA with a movie on Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Next, is a trip to Dave and Busters on Nov. 9 from 12:30 - 3 p.m. Bowling is also offered on Nov. 12 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Come out for great fun and good food at a low price. All trips pick-up and drop off from Julius West and Robert Frost Middle Schools. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.

CALL 240-314-8634 FOR INFO

Fall Leaf Collection Reminder

Rockville's fall leaf collection is underway and will continue through December. Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb or gutter. Upcoming times for leaf collection are as follows: Area 1, Nov. 26-30; Area 2, Oct. 29-Nov. 2; Area 3, Nov. 5-9; Area 4, Nov. 12-16; and Area 5, Nov. 19-23. For more information on leaf collection areas or to see the full schedule, please visit Rockville's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO



Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Public Hearing Nov. 14

The Planning Commission has scheduled another public hearing for Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. on the Draft Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan. The Public Hearing, held in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall, will be televised live on TRC 11, and required throughout the following weeks.

The draft plan reflects the community's desire to maintain and enhance the historic residential character of the Twinbrook neighborhood, while also guiding the future of land currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses. Modifications may be made to the draft plan by the Planning Commission after the public hearing.

Illustrations of what might be possible for the commercial and

industrial areas have been drafted per the draft plan recommendations. These are draft concepts for illustration and discussion and can be viewed at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html.

Copies of the draft plan are available free of charge at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services, on the second floor of City Hall. The draft plan also is available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html.

To testify on Nov. 14, call 240-314-8200 by 4 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to Steve Johnson, Chair, Rockville Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850. **RR**

City Manager Seeks Your Ideas

With Art Chambers' recent announcement that he is retiring in January, City Manager Scott Ullery would like your help in finding the right candidate to lead the City of Rockville's Community Planning and Develop-

ment Services (CPDS) Department. Please send an E-mail with your ideas on the three most important qualities the new CPDS Director should possess to planning-directorrecruitment@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

CITY

3 2nd Annual Fall Fest Community Health Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Twinbrook Recreation Center.

4 Rockville 10K/5K 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer courses run within King Farm community, followed by a post-race brunch from King Farm restaurants. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. \$27 by 11/3. \$30 on race day.

6 Election Day Polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. For information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/election07 or call the election line at 240-314-8286.

11 Veterans Day Ceremony Ceremony and wreath laying honoring veterans. 11:11 a.m. Veterans Park.

15 Public Forum Zoning Ordinance Revision The City's planning and zoning ordinance is undergoing a major update and revision. Come and participate in the public forum. 7 p.m. Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonstone Drive.

18 Inauguration Ceremony and Reception A ceremony for the newly elected Mayor and Council followed by a reception.

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

2-4,9-11,16-17 Rockville Musical Theatre: Into the

November calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

Woods Enjoy this enchanting musical based on a collection of classic fairy tales. 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sundays). F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

4 Sunday Afternoon Concert The U.S. Navy Band - Chamber Ensemble. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion.

4-27 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE.

18 Rockville Concert Band: Fall Concert 4 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

3 Longwood Gardens Tour #23039 Explore historic Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. The estate includes more than 1,000 acres of horticultural displays, woodlands, and meadows. Cost includes transportation, leadership, and a guided tour. Ages 16-over. \$42 RES/\$54 NR.

3 Scout Badge Day - Animal Try-It Badge Naturalists help Brownies complete necessary requirements to achieve this badge. All materials are provided, however, badges are not supplied by the nature center.

Programs take place rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 2-4 p.m. Ages 6-8. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

14 Ecology Learn about the interactions of living organisms in the environment through field studies that will give you a closer look at the animals found near the Nature Center. Register by 10/30. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 11-14. \$14 RES/\$17 NR.

15 Tiny Tot Walk - Fall's a Time to Get Ready Animals are busy preparing for winter. Find out how Croydon Creek's critters get ready for winter through nature crafts and activities. Participants will take a hike outside so dress for the weather. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3½. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

15 Tyke Hike - Fall's a Time to Get Ready 1-2 p.m. Ages 3½-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

17 Croydon Creek Campfire - American Indian Stories Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month and gather around the campfire to listen to American Indian Stories, make s'mores, and enjoy the autumn weather. Register by 11/10. 6-7:30 p.m. Ages 1-over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

5 Scanners 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

5,7 Word Perfect (Intermediate) 1-3 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$30 NR

6 Jewelry Club 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 30. \$10 MEM/\$12 RES/\$15 NR.

6 Keyboard and Mouse (beginner) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR

6 Writing an Ethical Will 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE

7 Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. Register by Oct. 31. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR.

7 Responsible Use of Medications 1-2 p.m. FREE

7 Clarify Computer Concepts 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

13,15 Word Processing 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

14 Flu Shots 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32 for those without Medicare B.

14 Gold Mine History 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register by Nov. 7. \$2 MEM/\$3 RES/\$4 NR

14 Jefferson Café - Reality TV in America 2-3 p.m. Register by Nov. 7. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR.

15 Avoiding Skin Cancer and Wrinkles 1-2 p.m. FREE

19-26 Microsoft EXCEL 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$30 NR

28-Dec 5 Drawing Using Word & Paint 1-3 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 RES/\$12 NR

29 Book Club 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register by Nov. 22. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

3 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m.

7 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m.

13 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m.

14 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. 621A Southlawn Dr.

14 Rockville Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m.

14,28 Planning Commission 7 p.m.

15 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.

20 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1:00 p.m. 1150 Carnation Dr.

27 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Time: Helping City's Senior Citizens with Snow Shoveling

Warm October, cold November. With snow likely before this winter passes, Rockville's Senior Services and the Rockville Senior Center are compiling names of volunteers who would be willing to help City senior citizens during a storm.

"When the snow falls, people generally take care of their own sidewalks and driveways, but to some of our senior citizens, not being able to clear snow is a critical situation," said Lorraine Schack, the City's Senior Social Services Coordinator.

Schack's goal is to have lists compiled of everyone who is in need of assistance, as well as those who are willing to help, before bad weather is expected. The Senior Center staff will then match volunteers with those in need.

"I cannot think of a better way for a person of any age to help a neighboring senior citizen than to clear some snow for them a few times a year," said Schack. "For some senior citizens, trying to clear snow themselves puts their health in jeopardy. We think once people know we are organizing this program, they will respond in the typical Rockville spirit – neighbors helping neighbors."

Those wishing to volunteer, and those seniors who may need assistance, should call 240-314-8810 to prepare in advance for snow removal. **RR**

– by Gabrielle Stranieri

Senior Needs Assessment Survey Results

This past spring, the National Research Center conducted a survey to assess the needs and opinions of Rockville's older adults. This allowed seniors to provide feedback on current and future programs, and to evaluate the overall satisfaction with the City's senior services. The survey was mailed to 1,200 randomly selected Rockville households that had residents over sixty years of age. Highlights of the report are:

- **Quality of Life and Community:** In general, older adult residents perceived the overall quality of life in Rockville to be above the "good" range.
- **Transportation:** Most reported few if any transportation problems or concerns.
- **Senior Center Use:** Approximately 20 percent reported participating in activities at the Rockville Senior Center within the last year.
- **In-Home Services:** Interest to pay for affordable in-home support services was expressed by 68 percent of respondents. More residents aged 60-74 responded they would pay for home maintenance, snow removal and moving the lawn than would older residents.
- **Problems Expected in Retirement:** A majority of residents felt that their physical health and their capability to maintain their home would be either a "major" or "minor" problem in retirement.

20 percent identified affordable housing/assisted living as the single most important issue they are facing. High taxes and/or property taxes were singled out by 14 percent. Others identified affordable/accessible health care and accessible transportation.

To receive a copy of the report, call 240-314-8812. **RR**

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Revision: Mayor and Council Authorized Filing on Oct. 8

On October 8 the Mayor and Council authorized the filing of the zoning text amendment for the comprehensive revision to the City's zoning ordinance. This document is the result of 18 months of work with the staff and the Representatives of Rockville Zoning Ordinance Review (RORZOR) Committee. This proposal represents the first major overhaul of the City's zoning code in more than 30 years.

The highlights of the draft ordinance include: requiring high, consistent standards for new development; the use of new mixed-use zones to replace many of the current commercial and industrial zones; provisions limiting the size of houses in certain residential zones; a new public park zone to be placed on all City parks; and a thorough reorganization of the

code to make it more user-friendly. The impact on existing residential properties and the typical City homeowner is expected to be minimal.

Along with the proposed new code, the Mayor and Council also authorized the filing of a comprehensive rezoning. This will apply the new zones proposed by the draft ordinance throughout the City so that the new ordinance and the zoning will be consistent with each other.

The City will be embarking on an extensive public outreach process including two public forums on Nov. 15 at the Glenview Mansion and Dec. 5 at the Civic Center (Social Hall). Both forums are at 7 p.m. This will include meetings with civic associations, the Chamber of Commerce and homeowners associations. **RR**



Mayor
Larry Giammo



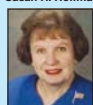
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Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) for more information.

Drop-in is expected to resume on Nov. 19 after the election of the new Mayor and Council.

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Nov. 19 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 26 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (four)
- Personnel Appeal Board (one)
- Refuse and Recycling Commission (seven)
- Rockville Sister City (one)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or visit rockvillemd.gov.



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TRC 11		THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL MARCH PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							✂ --- CLIP & SAVE ---	
		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
12 Midnight until meeting ends		Planning Commission ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾		
6 a.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
6:30 a.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
7 a.m.		Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)		
7:30 a.m.		Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center			
8 a.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
8:30 a.m.		Historic District Commission ▾	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▾		
9 a.m.		▾	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Healthwise	Arts Sampler	Healthwise	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	▾		
9:30 a.m.		▾	▾	Arts Sampler	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Arts Sampler	▾	▾		
10 a.m.		▾	Hi-Tech Patrol	Informed Citizenry ▾	▾	Informed Citizenry ▾	Hi-Tech Patrol	▾		
10:30 a.m.		▾	Informed Citizenry	Hi-Tech Patrol	Informed Citizenry	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Informed Citizenry ▾	▾		
11 a.m.		▾	Every 15 Minutes	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Every 15 Minutes	▾	Every 15 Minutes	Cityline		
11:30 a.m.		Service Rockville	Service Rockville	Service Rockville	Service Rockville	Service Rockville	Service Rockville	Service Rockville		
12 noon		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
12:30 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
1 p.m. until meeting ends		Mayor & Council ▾ [LIVE! M&C Inauguration (On 11/18) ▾]	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾		
4 p.m.		Healthwise	▾	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Hi-Tech Patrol	▾	Healthwise	▾		
4:30 p.m.		Hi-Tech Patrol	▾	Healthwise	▾	▾	Hi-Tech Patrol	▾		
5 p.m.		Arts Sampler	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Rebirth of Town Center	Into the Blue	Rebirth of Town Center	Into the Blue	Rebirth of Town Center		
5:30 p.m.		Rebirth of Town Center	▾	Into the Blue	Rebirth of Town Center	Exploring the Past	Rebirth of Town Center	Healthwise		
6 p.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
6:30 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
7 p.m.		Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Planning Commission ▾	Hi-Tech Patrol	Mayor & Council ▾	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)		
7:30 p.m.		▾	▾	▾	▾	Every 15 Minutes	▾	▾		
8 p.m.		▾	▾	Hi-Tech Patrol	▾	M&C Inauguration	▾	Healthwise		
8:30 p.m.		▾	▾	Arts Sampler	▾	(Starts 11/18) ▾	▾	Hi-Tech Patrol		
9 p.m.		▾	▾	Rebirth of Town Center	▾	Rebirth of TC	▾	Rebirth of Town Center		
9:30 p.m.		▾	▾	Exploring the Past	▾	Arts Sampler	▾	Into the Blue		
10 p.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
10:30 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
11 p.m.		M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Rebirth of Town Center	Rebirth of Town Center	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Exploring the Past	M&C Inauguration (Starts 11/18)	Arts Sampler		
11:30 p.m.		▾	Exploring the Past	Into the Blue	▾	Service Rockville	▾	Exploring the Past		